

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide flexible image repeat environments coping with user's needs for using an image repeat function to obtain an image considering a cutout  
5 operation and for using this function to obtain background and pattern, an image forming apparatus includes, in the image repeat function, a first layout mode that the adjacent same data on the same face of one paper are arranged with intervals added  
10 in the first and second directions, and a second layout mode that the adjacent same data on the same face of the one paper are arranged without intervals in the first and second directions, and comprises a selector for selecting the first or second layout  
15 mode in the image repeat function, and a controller for causing to execute the first and second layout modes in the image repeat function respectively when the first and second layout modes are selected.